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Classified By: Pol Counselor George Kent, reasons 1.4 (b, d)

(C) We engaged Ranoppun Kapittai of the MFA's Department of International Organizations on August 11 and conveyed reftel points regarding the USG position on the UNESCO Director-General election. We stressed to Ranoppun that the U.S. believes strong managerial and consensus-building skills were important considerations for the upcoming election and that the USG believed that the candidates from Austria, Bulgaria, Ecuador, Lithuania, and Tanzania were those who most clearly possess those qualities. Ranoppun commented that the RTG shared a similar view as the U.S. She explained that the Ministry of Education (MOE) had primary lead on UNESCO issues, but that the MOE and the MFA would work together to determine which candidates the RTG would support. Ranoppun relayed that MFA favored the candidates from Austria, Bulgaria, and Russia.
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